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1. IN ORDER TO BE IN BETTER POSITION TO DEAL WITH INCREASINGLY AVID PRESS QUERIES ON THIS SUBJECT, WE NEED ON URGENT BASIS UP-TO-DATE FIGURES RE HOW MANY OFFICIAL AMERICANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS HAVE ALREADY LEFT LEBANON AND HOW MANY ARE IN PROCESS OF DOING SO.

2. WE RECOGNIZE LOCAL CONDITIONS MAKE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ASSESS CURRENT NUMBER OF PRIVATE AMERICANS IN LEBANON, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR BEST GUESSTIMATE, INCLUDING ROUGH INDICATION OF HOW MANY ARE LIKELY TO LEAVE IN NEAR FUTURE. OCT. 28 WASHINGTON POST REPORTS SOME 2,000 AMERICANS MAY STILL BE IN LEBANON, NOTING THAT YOUR FIGURE OF 1,200 REGISTRANTS COULD IN PART REPRESENT DUAL NATIONALS

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